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SEVERAL CONSPICUOUS FACTS.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that only gents wear pants, while gentlemen wear pantaloons. But what are we to think of Judge Strahan whose trousers pockets were rifled.

If there is no sea serpent, there really ought to be one. Poor human nature will never be satisfied until the peregrinating circus contains a specimen of this long imagined monster.

That Boston coppersmith who recently fell from the steeple of a Haverhill church, and got up alive, has more to boast of than the New York bridge jumpers. But no dime museum will hire him.

The English press is not complimentary to Bismark for his action in the Bulgarian affair. Fortunately for him however, the prince is old and tough enough to stand a good deal of criticism without breaking down.

Hamlin, the man who married Capt. Hallen's daughter at Ritzville, after swindling everybody, deserted his bride, has been arrested at Lacrosse. It has been discovered that he has a wife and four children in Indiana. He will be brought back for trial on the charge of bigamy.

Prof. Proctor says that earthquakes show our globe simply to be full of life and elements of activity, and that its decay from old age and the winter of death are millions of years away. A man might say as much in favor of a kicking horse, but that wouldn't make a person feel any easier near its heels.

Pittsburg lawyers are worrying themselves about the legality of an affidavit taken by telephone. Such deposit may be all right if the deponent is honest and continue to acknowledge his responsibility for it; but it might not be entirely safe to take the affidavit of the average machine politician on the telephone plan.

Some months ago a surgeon of Olympia set the broken leg of a colt. Recently the animal died of some disease and the doctor removed the fractured bone and found that the fracture had well knit and that the bone was sound. This disproves the theory that

the fractured bone of a horse cannot be made well again.

Republicans were grandly victorious in Maine. The prohibition vote did not interfere with the result as seriously as was expected. Augusta, the home of Blaine, gave the largest republican majority in the history of the city. That state has led off finely in the fall elections and the result cannot be otherwise than most gratifying to republicans everywhere.

ELLA WHEELER.

Recently Ella Wheeler Wilcox called upon Mary Maples Dodge, editor of St. Nicholas. She was not "recognized" according to the code of society, as Mrs. Dodge "had never heard of her before." The next day however, she did a thing which may not have been in the best taste, but which certainly was due to herself and the preservation of her dignity. She sent copies of the accounts of various receptions at which noted people had read selections from her poems and of her last two published books, to the office of St. Nicholas, on receipt of which Mrs. Dodge sent a graceful little note of apology, saying that her life was such a secluded one and so filled with the round of editorial duties that she found herself ever and anon dropping behind the rest of the world. Had Mrs. Dodge realized the true facts of the case she would have comprehended how severely this ridiculous interview of the previous day told against her. As a writer of purely sentimental verse, few women have surpassed Mrs. Wilcox. It would be safe to say that there is not a town in the United States, however remote, that has not been made acquainted with some of her 3,000 poems copied into the poets' corner of the local paper, while in many of these places the name of Mary Maples Dodge would be an empty, meaningless sound.

Jay Gould's son, and Blane's son, each married very recently, attract almost as much notice from press reporters as does Victoria Schilling.

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